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① Year?

This year and these times mark a very crucial turning point in this country and among the movements for freedom. Freedom and equality have always been at the frontline of our survival as individuals and as a mass. The issue of freedom began in this country when the pilgrims ~~and their ilk~~ arrived. Indian people, men and women began the very first battle for freedom. It was a bloody battle and it still continues to be. It's been a bloody battle for those of us who are Native Americans, for those of us who are Puerto Rican, for those of us who are Latin, for those of us who are Asian, for those of us who are black, for those of us who are lesbian and gay,

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and for those of us who are women.
The right to be free, The freedom
of choice, and The choice to be
free human beings are what we
are striving for. Equality shall
not be silenced. For some of us, it has
never been awakened, For some of
us equality is meaningless, It is
~~not~~ yet ^{to be} realized for most of us.
The issue and question of equality
does not belong to any one segment
of The population. It belongs
to all of us.

Indian people have been fighting the
very same forces that are now called
the moral majority, or the new right
for hundreds of years. We are
still alive, we are still fighting.

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my grandmothers and my grandfathers
and still alive. We have endured.
We have fought. We understand
the battle. And as women will endure.
we understand the battle and we will
the battle is clear. There is
an undeclared war, but the enemy
to most of us is very clear.
As we begin this new battle
under the Reagan regime, we
must not forget those who
have already been silenced, either by
being imprisoned, or by being
institutionalized or by out and out murder.
We have the responsibility to not
remain silenced, ^{silent} EVER. The Reagan,
Shafly, Zone and moral majority
clones are not new.

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The KKK is not new, the right wing is not new. We will not go back into the Ovens or back into the closets so that they can be free. We will not accommodate their agendas of imprisonment, oppression, mandates of war or economic servitude. As Reagan is building his warships, we will build our ships that bear the flags of justice, freedom and strength. As Reagan sends money to support the military of El Salvador, we must send to our people the inspiration, the truth and the belief that equality and freedom are more than words of rhetoric. We must put into our daily lives the practices that will truly end the isms which

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inhibit our natural strength, power and growth. As we remember and support the freedom movements across the world, we must remember our own. We must remember that America has yet become a free country. As Reagan meets with his cabinet of men of war, we will meet in the streets as today in our march and rally, as we will meet again in June at the lesbian/gay freedom march and rally ~~in the streets~~. We will meet at these marches and rallies ~~as~~ as Reagan pedals his lies on television, in press conferences. WE WILL MEET AND SPEAK THE TRUTH. As Reagan gathers his generals and experts, we will gather the people.

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We will maintain our vigilance,

We will remember our history.

And we will measure the

ultimate freedom in society ~~at~~

~~in our culture~~ by

how free the women are.

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